

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 7, 2003
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Morris and Stanton present. Commissioner Pridemore, Chair, absent.

PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioner Morris read a proclamation reaffirming the Board's commitment to promoting the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Individuals with Disabilities Act. Harold Hansen accepted the proclamation.

Commissioner Morris read a proclamation declaring Tuesday, October 7, 2003, Kick-Off Day for the 2003 Employee Giving Campaign. Susan Wilson, Board of Commissioners Office, accepted the proclamation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Astin, 11200 NW 12th Avenue, Vancouver, thanked the Commissioners, particularly Commissioner Morris, for support and participation at their community meeting. Ms. Astin updated the Board on the issue of sex offenders in her neighborhood. She said they have scheduled follow-up meetings with the DLC and the Sheriff's Department. Astin asked the Board if they could move forward with code enforcement. She further explained. She said they are also very concerned about the media and explained that all of her sources of information come from either the Sheriff's department in the form of handouts and their website; information from the Justice Department's website; and information from the YWCA Task Force. She said they try very hard to be accurate and they want to hold the media and spokespersons responsible as well. Astin said they don't see the situation going away and recognize that they have a lot of work to do as far as coming up with solutions. She said they merely want to keep the issue before the Board and ask for their assistance as they move forward with a resolution to the problem.

Stanton asked for clarification regarding Ms. Astin's comment about the media. She asked if there has been inaccurate information.

Astin said there has been information that appears to be half-truth and that perhaps the individuals had been misquoted. She provided an example of an article that stated that Level III sex offenders never re-offend and that Level I and II offenders are more likely to re-offend. She said that according to all of the information she has seen, that is not true.

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Morris commented that the different levels of sex offenders was discussed at a luncheon the previous week. *Morris* said she had read the minutes, which stated that Level III offenders didn't re-offend as frequently as the Level I & II offenders. She said they would have to figure that one out. She added that the neighborhood meeting was extremely well run and organized.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Held a public hearing to consider the following Supplemental Appropriation:

To consider approval of the CAD/800 MHz System Replacement supplemental request in the amount of \$250,000.

Jim Dickman, Office of Budget, presented. He stated that the supplemental appropriation came from the CRESA administrative board recommendation for grounding upgrades to meet the latest national electrical code. He said that Motorola wants the \$250,000 upgrade before they proceed.

Stanton commented that it looked like the real number was \$108,000, but that they were leaving some capacity – quite a lot of capacity.

Dickman said it was actually good that they left some capacity because the remaining capacity is about \$30,000 given all the other equipment purchases for this capital fund.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to approve Resolution 2003-10-01. Commissioners Morris and Stanton voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 40)

Stanton asked Mr. Dickman what the threshold is for which they have to make a budget adjustment. She referenced a Health Department consent agenda item – a new grant with \$5,000. She asked if they would go through a budget amendment process for that amount.

Dickman said they would and that they would probably see it on the budget readoption. He said the Health Department has a whole series of supplemental items that would be on there for readoption. He further explained.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to approve items 1 through 16. Commissioners Morris and Stanton voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 40)

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PUBLIC HEARING: REFUNDING BONDS

Held a public hearing to consider approval of a Resolution approving the sale of refunding bonds to refund \$2,870,000 of callable 1996 Series A Limited General Obligation bonds and \$1,990,000 of callable 1996 Series B Limited General Obligations bonds. Refunding exceeds the minimum present value savings of 3% established by prior board resolution authorizing debt service savings refunding(s) to occur.

John Payne, Deputy Treasurer, made some brief statements and introduced Dick Schober and Chris Higgins of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray; and Karen Boyle of Foster Pepper Shefelman.

Dick Schober, US Bancorp Piper Jaffray, provided a background of the transaction to the Board, and submitted packets of information. He said that a little over a year ago in working with John Payne, as well as the county's regional financial advisors, they identified a number of the county's outstanding bonds that could potentially create savings – six in total. He said these two refunding bonds represented the last two. He said the results of the sale were about \$200,000 of net present value savings. He said that exceeds the present value savings threshold of 3% - the actual savings is 3.6%. He then referred to the second page under tab 2. He said that these transactions are very similar to a home mortgage, but for the fact that you can't get your bonds back in immediately like you can a home mortgage. Schober said there is a call date that occurs in the future and that they had to set up an escrow and it pays for the old bonds until they can call them. He said the savings occurs after they bring the old bonds in. Schober explained that they were able to buy the escrow securities for this transaction at the peak in late August and early September when the rates were much higher. He further explained. Schober added that the total savings on all of the identified transactions was a little less than a half a million dollars – a significant savings to the county in a fairly short period of time.

Karen Bolye, Foster Pepper Shefelman, bond council for the transaction, stated that the interest rates for the refunding bonds were set forth on page 6 of the resolution. She said the resolution authorizes a purchase contract with Piper Jaffray and also authorizes a refunding trust agreement to set up an escrow, as described by Mr. Schober, and also authorizes the issuance of the new bonds.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to approve Resolution 2003-10-02. Commissioners Morris and Stanton voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 40)

PUBLIC HEARING: ANIMAL CONTROL FEES

Held a public hearing to consider amendment of the Clark County Code 8.07 regarding pet license fees.

Tim Jennings, Department of Community Development, presented. Mr. Jennings stated that in developing the recommendations, the advisory board examined license fee categories for cities

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in the state of Washington with populations over 100,000 and counties with populations over 200,000, as well as the fee categories for pet licenses in the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area. He said the advisory board also conducted three public hearings. He said the recommendations are to leave the categories they have for non-spayed/neutered unaltered dogs and cats as is, which are high within the region; and to bring the altered pets up to the state and regional standards – from \$12 to \$16 for an altered dog, and \$6 to \$10 for an altered cat. Jennings said the advisory board was also recommending that they remove one category for unaltered pets for senior citizens. He said that currently the code language allows a senior citizen to register one dog and one cat at one half the established price. He further explained.

Stanton referred to changes to the proposal, which were made based on public comment. She asked if they heard from many people.

Jennings said they had two citizens attend the third meeting who were concerned that the unaltered rate might go up – that was the only public comment. He added that they did receive support for the changes from their stakeholder groups and coalition of animal welfare organizations.

Stanton asked what the proposed effective date was for the changes.

Jennings said he didn't see the date in the draft resolution.

Morris said they can add the effective date – November 30, 2003. She asked why they didn't raise the fee for fertile dogs and cats.

Jennings explained that all fees were last amended in 1993 and at that time they made a substantial increase in the unaltered rates in an attempt to direct people to alter pets. He said it reduces the cost for the extra animals that would go through the animal shelter. He said at this time it is still one of the higher in the state.

Stanton asked if they had anticipated that increase when they adopted the budget.

Jennings said yes.

Morris noted that Jennings might want to clarify the line that reads *senior altered dog, senior altered cat, senior fertile dog, senior fertile cat*.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to approve Ordinance 2003-10-03, effective November 30, 2003. Commissioners Morris and Stanton voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 40)

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The Board of County Commissioners' adjourned and convened as the Board of Health.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Stanton noted her earlier comments regarding the consent agenda item that will result in a budget amendment at some point in time.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by *Stanton* to approve items 1 through 4. Commissioners *Morris* and *Stanton* voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 40)

Adjourned

2 p.m. Bid Openings

Present at the Bid Openings:

Louise Richards, Clerk of the Board; Mike Westerman, General Services; and Beth Balough, General Services

BID OPENING 2343

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2343 – Custom File Folders. Mike Westerman, General Services, opened and read bids. Westerman said it was their intention to award Bid 2342 on October 21, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' hearing room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor. (See Tape 40)

BID OPENING 2344

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2344 – Annual Automotive & Truck Filters. Mike Westerman, General Services, opened and read bids. Westerman said it was their intention to award Bid 2344 on October 14, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' hearing room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor. (See Tape 40)

BID OPENING 2345

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Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2345 – Re-bid 19’ Commercial Grade Aluminum Boat. Mike Westerman, General Services, opened and read bids. Westerman said it was their intention to award Bid 2345 on October 14, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners’ hearing room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor. (See Tape 40)

BID OPENING WO 400119

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening WO 400119 – Cougar Creek Drainage Improvements. Mike Westerman, General Services, opened and read bids. Westerman said it was their intention to award Bid WO 400119 on October 8, 2003, at 11:30 a.m., in the Commissioners’ hearing room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor. (See Tape 40)

BID OPENING WO 400117

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening WO 400117 – I-205 Stormwater System Retrofit at Salmon Creek. Mike Westerman, General Services, opened and read bids. Westerman said it was their intention to award Bid WO 400117 on October 8, 2003, at 11:30 a.m., in the Commissioners’ hearing room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor. (See Tape 40)

Adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Craig A. Pridemore, Chair

Betty Sue Morris/s/
Betty Sue Morris, Commissioner

Judie Stanton/s/
Judie Stanton, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Louise Richards/s/
Clerk of the Board
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